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Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 46/61 of 9 December 1991.

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/47/327 and Add.1), which was introduced by the Under-Secretary-General, the Legal Counsel, at its 2nd meeting, on 18 September 1992.

4. In accordance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 46/61, informal consultations were held in nine meetings under the chairmanship of one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Sixth Committee, between 22 September and 29 October 1992, to examine the proposal concerning an additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, particularly in the light of the views of States reflected in the report of

the Secretary-General or expressed during the debate on the question in the Sixth Committee. 1/

5. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 2nd, 26th and 32nd plenary meetings, on 18 September and 3 and 10 November 1992 (see A/C.6/47/SR.2, 26 and 32).

6. At the 26th meeting, on 3 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Sixth Committee, presiding as Chairman over the informal consultations referred to in paragraph 4 above, introduced the report on the results of those consultations (A/C.6/47/L.7).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/47/L.9

7. At the 32nd meeting, on 10 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Sixth Committee, presiding as Chairman over the informal consultations referred to in paragraph 4 above, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations" (A/C.6/47/L.9).

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 9).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/47 of 28 November 1990 and 46/61 of 9 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 2/ containing the replies received from Member States and other States parties to the Vienna

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1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Sixth Committee, 41st and 44th meetings, and corrigendum.

2/ A/47/327 and Add.1.

Convention on Consular Relations 3/ concerning an additional protocol on consular functions to that Convention,

1. Notes with appreciation the valuable work done during the forty-fifth, forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly on the basis of the proposal concerning the elaboration of an additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations;

2. Urges States, in applying the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and corresponding provisions of other agreements, to accord full facilities to consular officers in the performance of their functions;

3. Takes note of the report of the Sixth Committee on the matter. 4/

3/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 596, No. 8638.

4/ A/C.6/47/L.7.